

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A fishing pole holder for holding in position multiple fishing
2 poles at selected positions while trolling from a fishing boat, the fishing pole holder
3 comprising:
4 a C-clamp having a main portion extending, when the fishing pole
5 holder is installed on the boat, over a generally vertical wall of the boat;
6 first and second arms on the clamp extending from the main portion
7 adjacent inboard and outboard sides of the wall, respectively;
8 a base plate secured to the second arm adjacent the outboard wall
9 side;
10 a clamping force reaction cushion secured to the base plate;
11 a clamping shaft threadably connected to the first arm and extending
12 generally perpendicular to the force reaction cushion whereby, when the clamping
13 shaft is adjusted to a clamping position, the fishing pole holder is held securely to
14 the wall side;
15 a threaded support shaft secured to the main clamp portion and
16 extending from opposite sides of the main clamp portion in a direction generally
17 parallel to the boat wall;
18 a first fishing pole holder element secured to the support shaft on one
19 side of the camp and a second fishing pole holder element secured to the support
20 shaft on the opposite side of the clamp;
21 means for adjusting the angular position of the first fishing pole
22 holder element about a first axis that intersects a support shaft axis;
23 means for adjusting the angular position of the second fishing pole
24 holder element about a second axis that intersects the support shaft axis;
25 means for adjusting the first fishing pole holder element about the
26 axis of the support shaft; and
27 means for adjusting the second fishing pole holder element about the
28 axis of the support shaft.

1 2. The fishing pole holder set forth in claim 1 wherein the first
2 and second fishing pole holder elements are each generally cylindrical, each fishing

3 shaft holder element being adapted to encircle and retain a grip end of a fishing
4 pole.

1 3. The fishing pole holder set forth in claim 2 wherein the means
2 for adjusting the angular position of the fishing pole holder elements about the first
3 and second axes comprise pedestals secured to the respective fishing pole holder
4 elements;
5 strap clamps surrounding each pedestal;
6 each strap clamp having a closed end secured to the support shaft and
7 an open end; and
8 a clamping bolt extending through the open end of each strap clamp
9 and a clamping nut adjustably attached to each clamping bolt whereby each fishing
10 pole holder element is secured in a selected fixed position relative to the boat wall
11 independently of a selected fixed position of the other fishing pole holder element.

1 4. The fishing pole holder set forth in claim 3 wherein each of
2 the means for adjusting the fishing pole holder elements about the support shaft axis
3 comprises a clamping nut threaded on the support shaft and engaging one of the
4 strap clamps whereby each fishing pole holder element is held in a selected fixed
5 position relative to the support shaft axis.
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